

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
SCDNR YOUTH TURKEY HUNTS - 2006
MEADWESTVACO – WALWORTH**

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) in cooperation with MeadWestvaco will conduct a special youth turkey hunt at the company's Walworth Farms unit in Orangeburg County. The youth turkey hunt is scheduled on April 8, 2006. There will be four youths participating in the hunt. The age requirement for the youth turkey hunt is 10 through 15, inclusive. There is no application fee or any other costs associated with the hunt and since all participants must be age 15 and under, a hunting license will not be required. However, turkey tags (which are free) are required for all hunters. The adult accompanying the youth must have a hunting license, but **ONLY** the youth is allowed to shoot during the hunt.

Like all of MeadWestvaco's landholdings, Walworth Farms is managed under an Ecosystem Based Forestry approach to produce wood fiber for the company's paper mill in North Charleston while providing many multiple use benefits, including recreation. The property is approximately 3900 acres in size. Approximately, one thousand eight hundred acres are in MeadWestvaco's Recreational Leasing Program and the remaining 2100 acres is set aside as MeadWestvaco Public Relations hunting area. Historically, MeadWestvaco's Walworth Farms unit was a part of the SCDNR's Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) Restoration Program in the 1990's, which brought turkey numbers back to a sustainable level to provide hunting opportunities. The Wild Turkey Restoration Program was established in South Carolina to increase the turkey population in areas that had suitable acreage and habitat and where population numbers were determined to be low. MeadWestvaco played an active role in this effort. Walworth Farms was stocked with wild turkeys, seven gobblers and ten hens, in 1994. This area remained closed to hunting for several years, which enabled the turkeys to reestablish on the Walworth Farms unit. The property was opened for turkey hunting in 1998. SCDNR would like to thank MeadWestvaco for providing this great hunting experience for these South Carolina youngsters.

SCDNR Youth Turkey Hunts occur on Saturday mornings and will conclude at 10:00 a.m. SCDNR staff will provide comments regarding sportsmanship and hunter ethics. Young people who have an interest in trying turkey hunting but have not had previous opportunities because they lacked a hunting connection should certainly apply. Finally there will be a thorough review of firearms safety. More detailed instructions and directions to the hunt sites will be provided to applicants who are selected. If parents have further questions regarding safety, supervision, etc., they should contact Willie Simmons, SCDNR Wildlife Biologist at 803-734-3898 or E-mail SimmonsW@dnr.sc.gov

Applications are available from the Columbia SCDNR Office or the SCDNR website at www.dnr.state.sc.us. Applications can also be copied. A parent or legal guardian must complete the application form and a liability waiver form. Completed applications must be received at the Columbia SCDNR Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2006, to be eligible for the drawing. Good luck!

**RETURN TO: SCDNR – YOUTH TURKEY HUNTS
Attn: Willie Simmons
P.O. Box 167
Columbia, SC 29202
(803) 734-3898 OR FAX (803) 734-6020**

SCDNR YOUTH TURKEY HUNT APPLICATION - 2006
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YOUTH NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE _____ ZIP _____
DAYTIME TELEPHONE _____

SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUTH (Please answer all questions)

1. What wildlife species have you hunted?
Circle: Dove Quail Rabbit Squirrel Turkey Deer Other None
2. Who has taken you hunting in the past?
Circle: No One Father Mother Relative Friend
3. How many times have you hunted turkey previously?
Circle: Never 1 to 3 4 or more Frequently
4. Have you ever attended a DNR Co-Sponsored Youth Hunt?
Circle: Yes No
5. Have you ever killed a turkey?
Circle: Yes No
6. Name and telephone number of "new hunter" you are bringing or sponsoring.
Name _____ Telephone _____

(Note: "New hunters" must also complete and submit an application)

SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN (Please answer all questions)

1. Do you participate in hunting?
Circle: Yes No
2. Do you have or could you obtain a suitable firearm for your youngster to use during this hunt?
Circle: Yes No
3. Do you want to sit in the stand with your youngster on this hunt?
Circle: Yes No

NOTE - The appropriate signatures acknowledges that the youth's parents or legal guardians grant permission for their youth to participate in this special youth turkey hunt as described in this announcement. Please **circle** the date you that would like to attend a youth turkey hunt at **MeadWestvaco – Walworth.**

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Youth Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

I understand that there are risks and dangers inherent in participating in hunting activities. I also understand that in order to be allowed to participate, I must give up my rights to hold liable the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and all cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners who accommodate special DNR hunts for any injury or damage which I may suffer while participating in a Department of Natural Resources draw hunt.

Knowing this, and in consideration of being permitted to participate, I hereby voluntarily release the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners from any liability resulting from or arising out of my participation in the draw hunt.

I understand and agree that I am releasing not only the entities set forth in the two paragraphs above, but also the officers, agents, and employees of those entities.

I understand and agree that this release will have the effect of releasing, discharging, waiving, and forever relinquishing any and all actions or causes of action that I may have or have had, whether past, present, or future, whether known or unknown, and whether anticipated or unanticipated by me, arising out of my participation. This release constitutes a complete release, discharge, and waiver of any and all actions or causes of action against the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, and its officers, agents, or employees and cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners.

I understand and agree that this release applies to personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death, which I may suffer, even if caused by the acts or omissions of others.

I understand and agree that by signing this release, I am assuming full responsibility for any and all risk of death or personal injury or property damage suffered by me while participating in the draw hunt.

I understand that and agree that this release will be binding on me, my spouse, my heirs, my personal representatives, my assigns, my children and guardian ad litem for said children.

I understand and agree that by signing this release, I am to release, indemnify and hold the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, and its officers, agents, or employees and cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners harmless from any and all liability or costs, including attorney fees, associated with or arising from my participation in the draw hunt.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Talent Release Form

I hereby authorize the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) to use the likeness, voice and/or image of _____ in the **MeadWestvaco Youth Turkey Hunt**. Such authorization allows the SCDNR the right to re-record onto videotape and/or audiotape the name, the likeness and the voice of the person named above. I further authorize others as designated by the SCDNR to use the likeness, voice and/or image of _____ in radio and television broadcasts, for audiovisual information, and for educational and entertainment purposes, throughout South Carolina, the United States, and the world. The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources is hereby authorized to use in perpetuity and at its discretion the images containing the described individual. It is understood that other agencies and organizations will be permitted to use this program only with the permission of the SCDNR.

Date

Signature of talent (or parent)

City and state